

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1: Amend the first paragraph as follows:

PRIORITY CLAIM

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of PCT Application number PCT/FR99/00740 filed on March 30, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/085,845 filed May 18, 1998, and which claims priority of French Application French Application number 98/04121 filed April 2, 1998.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to new compounds which are useful as agents for transferring nucleic acids into cells. These new compounds are more particularly related to the lipopolyamine family and comprise at least one cyclic amidine function. They are useful for transfecting nucleic acids to various types of cells, *in vitro*, *ex vivo* or *in vivo*.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION